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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 0234

FOR ASSISTANT SECREATRY HABIB FROM CHARGE RIVES

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI PT ID PO

SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE MILITARY DETAINEES ON TIMOR

REF: LISON 0073 (DTG 061636Z), STATE 300208 (DTG 201903Z NOTAL),  
JAKARTA 15673 (DTG 230753Z NOTAL), JAKARTA 15438 (DTG 170742Z NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING OUR RECOMMENDATION AGAINST ANY FORMAL US  
DEMARCHE TO GOI ON PORTUGUESE MILITARY DETAINED IN  
EASTERN TIMOR (PARA 3 FOURTH REFTEL) WE HAVE ON SEVERAL  
OCCASIONS INQUIRED INFORMALLY INTO MATTER (E.G. THIRD  
REFTEL) WITH CLOSE CONTACTS AND HAVE BEEN TOLD GOI NOT  
PREPARED TO INTERVENE WITH UDT/APODETI AUTHORITIES IN  
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EAST TIMOR. IN CHECKING WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES WE

HAVE FOUND THAT AUSTRALIANS, DUTCH AND ENGLISH HAVE MADE  
DEMARCHES  
TO GOI AUTHORITIES, IN EACH CASE BEING TOLD  
THAT PORTUGUESE SHOULD RAISE MATTER WITH AUTHORITIES IN  
EAST TIMOR.

2. SINCE DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME LIKELY TO INVOLVE US  
IN TIMOR QUESTION WITHOUT SECURING RELEASE OF DETAINEES,  
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT POLICY OUTLINED IN FIRST  
PARA SECOND REFTEL IS CORRECT ONE. AT VERY LEAST  
BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF UNTIL UN UNDER SECRETARY  
GENERAL GUICCIARDI VISITS INDONESIA AND TIMOR NEXT WEEK  
AND REVIEW SITUATION THEN (FIRST REFTEL). WE HAVE ASSUMED  
THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD RAISE DETAINEE QUESTION WITH  
GUICCIARDI, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS NOW VISITING LISBON,  
AND THAT HE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO MATTER WHEN IN JAKARTA  
AND TIMOR.  
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